

Farmington Jr. Jazz /Little Tykes Sportsmanship Initiative

The Utah Jazz Sportsmanship Initiative is a free program that helps teach and encourage good sportsmanship to players, parents and coaches participating in the Jr. Jazz program. Each game teams will receive a sportsmanship score based on five criteria, earning up to five points. Scorekeepers will be responsible for giving scores and recording them on the labels in/on the scorebook/score sheets each week. Scores will be awarded based on the following criteria.

Sportsmanship Criteria	Points	Examples
Players Coaches and officials shake hands after game.	1	Players and coaches shake hands after game; ensure no negative activity occurs during this activity. Encourage players to shake the official's hands after each game and thank them.
Players say encouraging things to the other team during the game.	1	When a player scores a basket or makes a nice play, players from the opposing team say "Good Shot" or "Great Play" etc.
No technical Fouls or flagrant fouls called on team during the game.	1	Coaches encourage players to remain clam, take control of out of control situations, do not coach players to commit hard fouls, when a call is make do not try to get the last word.
Coaches say encouraging things to the other team/coach during the game.	1	Coaches use words or encouragement with their team and the opposing team, such as "Nice Play", "Good Job", or "You're a great player"
Teams go out of way to display good acts of sportsmanship during game.	1	When a player falls down, players from the opposing team extend a hand to help them up

At the end of the Jr. Jazz season (around March) the team with the highest score form each age group will be invited to an event to celebrate sportsmanship. More information on the event will be available at a later date. Every member of each winning team will also receive a certificate of achievement. The parents of the players on each winning team will receive an item of recognition from the Utah Jazz. The coach of each winning team will receive 4 vouchers for free tickets to a 2013 Salt Lake Bees baseball game.